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PAKISTAN-INDIA: Relations continue to be strained.

Islamabad has given New Delhi until Monday to close its Deputy High Commission in Dacca. The Pakistanis presumably are retaliating for New Delhi's failure to evict Bengali diplomats--who claim they now represent Bangla Desh--from the Deputy High Commission in Calcutta.

India, frustrated in its suggestions that a Security Council session be called on the situation in East Pakistan, apparently plans to charge Pakistan with human rights violations during the meeting of the Economic and Social Council opening Monday. Although Pakistan hopes to have the Indians ruled out of order, the human rights issues is one of the few in which UN members generally have shown no qualms about overriding claims that a matter is subject only to domestic jurisdiction.

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NATO: Considerable support has developed for a favorable reference at the NATO ministerial meeting in June to recent Soviet hints of interest in mutual and balanced force reductions (MBFR). By making reference to regional disarmament in Central Europe--in his speech at the 24th Party Congress--Brezhnev appeared to be replying to NATO's past MBFR proposals. Premier Kosygin reiterated Brezhnev's comments this week. West Germany, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, and the UK believe that Brezhnev's remarks should be used to extract more substantial concessions from Moscow toward Western views on MBFR. Moscow appears to be holding out the prospect of force reduction talks as an enticement for the West first to agree to a conference on European security. Most NATO countries would prefer, however, that there be some substantial progress toward force reductions negotiations either before or parallel with any eventual preparations for a security conference.

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